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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Van Riet, Egbert Jan

Serial No. 10/520,606

Filed: 16 January 2005

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Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Matthew J Smith

2 March 2007

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 7 DECEMBER 2006

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Office Action mailed 7 December 2006. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 7 and claim 9 were pending.